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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: *Ex Parte Notice*, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service;  
CC Docket No. 96-45

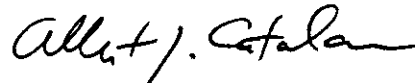
Nextel Partners, Inc. Petitions for Designation as an Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission's") Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter provides notice that on May 25, 2004, Albert J. Catalano and Ronald J. Jarvis of Catalano & Plache, PLLC, Counsel for NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners., met with Eric Einhorn, Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division ("TAPD"), Anita Cheng, Assistant Chief, TAPD, Thomas Buckley and Karen Franklin. At the meeting, the attendees discussed issues related to the comments and reply comments filed in response to the March 24, 2004 supplements (the "Supplements") filed by Nextel Partners for the seven pending Nextel Partners ETC Petitions. Messrs. Catalano and Jarvis noted that Nextel Partners' initial petitions for the states of New York and Pennsylvania were both filed more than one year ago, on April 3, 2003, and urged Commission officials to quickly resolve any outstanding issues contained in the comments and reply comments filed in response to the Supplements, reject proposals to delay decision on the petitions, and complete processing of the petitions as expeditiously as possible.

An original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 338-3200.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc Eric Einhorn, Chief, TAPD  
Anita Cheng, Ass't Chief, TAPD  
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